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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
RITSUO KASHIYAMA)	Examiner: Chriss S. Yoder, III
Appln. No.: 09/541,614)	Group Art Unit: 2612
Filed: April 3, 2000)	
For: FOCUS DETECTING APPARATUS)	November 24, 2004

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND
REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY**

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated August 25, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: